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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ADVANCED FLOOR MAT, the specification of which was filed on February 14, 2002, as Application Serial Number 10/074,026.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

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